

MINUTES FOR CLUSTER: AMAKHOSI 2019/20 DRAFT BUDGET PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ON 04 APRIL 2019

AT 11:00 RICHARDS BAY CIVIC CENTRE

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE:

See attendance registers

2. PROGRAM:

Programme facilitator: Speaker Cllr S.G Mkhize

Opening prayer: Mr B Khumalo

Welcoming: Dr N.J Sibeko

Budget Presentation City of uMhlathuze Municipality: CFO Mr M Kunene

Speaker Cllr S.G Mkhize requested that if the community had any questions or issues of clarity that they wished to be answered. Mr M. Kunene, CFO responded to these questions

	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	Indigent subsidised households where only young children live and no one is working, how are they going to manage to buy prepaid water and pay rates?	The municipality works closely with Councillors and Izinduna in such circumstances to monitor the situation and where the situation is beyond the municipality then involve the department of Social Services.
2.	Toilets issues: commended the municipality for building toilets in taxi ranks, but pleaded that the municipality employs a person who will clean them because	 If it is true that when people claim the toilets and charge fees then it is a problem. We will look into that and the problem shall be fixed.

	some people take an initiative to	
	clean them and charge money for usage. When those persons don't have money then they look for a spot to relieve themselves and that leads back to the hygiene problem that was a concern in the first place.	
3.	Induna Bheku wakwaMthembu	
	 Lights Project – commended placements and said that they are very helpful but recommended that there be timing for switching on/off of these lights as they are often on during day time. 	 There are negotiations with our engineers to address the issue of timing of lights.
	 Quarry Project - complained that once the quarry trucks come to fix roads, the rain destroys the road again and it takes long time for the trucks to come back again to fix the roads. Infrastructure security: Complained about the securities that guard during the day and at night they are off duty, he said that this does not help because damages and theft usually happens at night. 	 We are aware of this problem and we plead that you bear with us as the road process goes by wards and it happens that after we have fixed the road then the rain damages it. It then takes long for us to come back even if you have reported because we have to finish all the wards first before coming back. It is true that it is not effective for the securities to guard during the day and not at night; we will look up to this.
4.	Induna Hlekwayo – Inkosi Khoza	
	 Lights Project - really appreciative of the lights, crime has been reduced. 	Noted with appreciation.
5.	Induna Mthethwa – Inkosi Khoza	
	The Bridge that was built was destroyed by the heavy rains and the community is under danger of crocodiles when the river is full and they cannot cross.	 Dr Sibeko – The matter about the bridge is being handled, there have been a few hiccups but in the next 3 to 4 weeks a tender contract will be finalised and the project will commence.

	Enseleni to Mthiyane road: DoT says that the issue lies with uMhlathuze.	
6.	Mr LB Dube (Ward 11) – Inkosi Mkhwanazi Complains about the road from eChibini to eGugushe. The quarry trucks that were fixing the roads destroyed the slap on the side of the road near the bridge. It is difficult for the people to use the road. There is a problem of water overflow in tanks.	 The municipality will be looking at the issue closely and the matter will be dealt with. We are glad that these issues are reported. We really encourage the community to help in reporting such issues and working together with the municipality. We will send people to address this issue.
7.	Induna Zibane (intuzi) – Inkosi Mkhwanazi • Who supervises the water supply to ensure that water gets to right people?	 Mr Zibane raises something that concerns me; we never took to consideration the possibility of water tanks missing and never deliver to the right people. Well, we rely on the lock books where people fill in their details and the place of delivery, which doesn't really gives assurance that the water has been delivered. We will consider that perspective.
	 Zibane further complained about water hygiene, he said he once saw a truck filling water from the river and asked where the water supplied to the community comes from. He requested a Sthunwane Bridge. 	 We are not aware of such issue, we can assure you that the municipality gets water from Mhlathuze water and the water is purified and good for the health of the community. If a water truck was seen filling water from the river, then there are high possibilities that it was not the uMhlathuze Municipality truck. This is an IDP issue but is noted.

8. Induna uMkhize –INkosi Dube

- There are people who do not have metres and they use water recklessly. When the latter runs out of water, they ask for it to those with metres and that increases the rates of those with metres.
- They requested the municipality to send people to check the problem, and that they do a follow-up on those people to assess progress.
- Municipality has deployed water monitors to look at water leaks and do check-ups on water meters in the community. Again, we encourage the community to report these issues to the municipality and we are glad that they come to our attention so that we can address them.

9. Mr Bheki Mthethwa (Ward 32) – Inkosi Cebekhulu

- Wi-Fi hot-spot requested that the municipality installs hotspots in the rural areas and not only near the townships/suburb areas.
 The children have to travel long distances to access Wi-Fi.
- Skip bins: Requested that the municipality consults the community before placing the skips.
- Indigent subsidies- what if you have two wives and two homes?
- How are municipal projects monitored and how does a municipality make sure that the youth and the small businesses from that community a project is running on are developed.

- The project is still in progress and will reach all the communities where Wi-Fi can be installed but again, Wi-Fi will be restricted to school work, applications for jobs and all other sites that help the youth.
- As I explained earlier, we count houses and place the skips where it will be conducive for everyone, but we will consult the community moving forward.
- (Response by Dr Sibeko)

We must agree that when one takes a second wife, it means that he affords. Therefore only one house will be subsidised.

 We usually welcome youth will small business that are registered, competent and trustworthy and who can actually do the work.

10. Induna Mthethwa- Inkosi Khoza (ward 6)

- Prepaid water system: has it been considered that this system will create unemployment as those people who were monitoring metres will lose their jobs.
- Light system: requested that the Izinduna be consulted as the project runs in the land they guard.
- Bicycle agreements: nothing has been done since the last year's agreements.
- Requested the upgrades of the ward 6 playgrounds.

- The prepaid water system allows you to manage water usage effectively, it will not affect the monitors as they will still monitor water leakages and other duties that the municipality deploys them to do.
- We usually consult Councillors and request that they consult Izinduna who will lead us to Amakhosi. That is the protocol we usually follow but if in some places that has not been followed, then we shall redress that.
- That is noted and we will consider in our IDP projects but it should be known that is we rely on the budget and not on the actual money in the bank, should it happen that we don't get enough funds, we will consider the basic need of the community first.

4. CLOSING: SPEAKER: CLLR S.G MKHIZE



MINUTES FOR CLUSTER 1: WARD COMMITEES 2019/20 DRAFT BUDGET PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ON

04 APRIL 2019

AT 17:00 VELD n VLEI COMMUNITY HALL

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE:

See attendance registers

2. PROGRAM:

Programme facilitator: Speaker Cllr: S.G Mkhize

Opening prayer: N Kubheka

Welcoming: Cllr T.M Phahla

Budget Presentation City of uMhlathuze Municipality: CFO Mr M. Kunene

Speaker Cllr S.G Mkhize asked whether Ward Committee members had any questions or issues of clarity that they wished to be answered. Mr M. Kunene, CFO responded to these questions.

	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	Toilets are not being maintained properly regarding drainage of sewer.	That has been noted, the relevant officials will look into it.

2.	Buthelezi – Ward 18	
	 Last year there was a project that was supposed to start with regards to Installation of shark Nets at PD beach but in not on the budget. 	There are bylaws that needs to be done with net installation but we are in communication with National Board
3.	Thando Nsele - Ward 19	
	 Skips are placed right next to the road which makes the place untidy, can the municipality move the skip a bit far from the road. 	 Skips are strategically placed according to the number of houses around that specific area, but we will look into the issue of them being placed too close to the road.
4.	Mbokazi Mzikayise - ward 29	
	Wi-Fi facilities are far from the rural areas.	 The Wi-Fi installation project is still in progress and will eventually reach all areas but if it happens that it doesn't reach your area, please note that not that some areas are not Wi-Fi conducive.
5.	Sphamandla Ntuli- ward 25	
	 There is lack of infrastructure in ward 25, no roads, street lights, halls etc. 	IDP issues but they are noted.
6.	Linda Gumede - Ward 29	
	 He raised a concern about the poor voting stations (community halls). 	They will pass information to the relevant section IEC office.
6.	Thulani Mnyandu - ward 27	
	 Indigent subsidy- he asked if the municipality has considered the salary level of that one person who is working. 	Transunion information is used to assess household's standard of living and we work together with Councillors and Izinduna to assess the situation and see if the qualify for indigent support.
	Mr Biyela-ward 33	
7.	 He asked that there be a ward visitation to witness the issues that the community complain about. 	 Noted

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	How long does it take for a person's debt to be written off and from which amount?	 The emphasis should be on payment of debt rather than explanation of debt writes offs, because the municipality need this money to provide for community needs.
	 Wards committee were promised a stipend raise of R3500 by COGTA. 	 COGTA should not make empty promises, they should provide a written agreement and funds to increase Ward Committee stipend.
	Asked for beach development.	 There are laws that guide beaches but we are in the processes of developing the beach.
11.	V Mchunu – Ward 16	
	Agricultural support.	Noted.
12.	Dumisani Mnyeni – Ward 1	
	 How much does it cost to place a high mast light than putting a street light? 	 High mast lights cover a wide range rather than a street light which only lights the place that it faces.
13	Sunday Xaba – Ward 6	
	 Asked that the municipality replace their damaged bins. 	 The municipal bins have a 5-year warranty. If the bin gets damaged within these years then the municipality will either fix it or replace it with a new one. If the period has lapsed, then the person

4. CLOSING: SPEAKER: CLLR S.G MKHIZE



MINUTES FOR CLUSTER: ENSELENI 2019/20 DRAFT BUDGET PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ON

07 APRIL 2019

AT 14:00 MZUVUKILE SPORTSFIELD

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE:

See attendance registers

2. PROGRAM:

Programme facilitator: Speaker Cllr S.G Mkhize

Opening prayer: Mr S.D Khoza

Welcoming: Deputy Mayor Cllr K.D Sibiya

Budget Presentation uMhlathuze Municipality: CFO Mr M. Kunene

Speaker Cllr S.G Mkhize requested community to raise questions and issues that needed clarity. Mr M. Kunene, CFO responded to these questions.

	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	Bukhosini – Ward 4	
	 Commends the municipality for development currently taking place. He also added to say that he has not heard anything about compensation for land and the returning of title deeds to rightful owners. 	 Noted. This issue is being handled by National Government once it has been resolved, all affected will be informed.

2.	Sipho Henry Mathebula – Ward 4	
	 He then raised a concern about the illegal dumping taking place in Mandlanzini by the white people, and asked if there were any penalties that could be charged to such people. 	 Responded by stating that there are penalties charged for illegal dumping and also added that the matter will be addressed.
	 Mandlanzini community is not attended to on time when they have reported power failure. 	Noted, Electricity Department will attend to it.
3.	 Sipho Mhlongo – Ward 3 Raised a complaint saying that the creation of job opportunities is not being discussed. He asked how employment opportunities will arise as capital expenditure is far less than operational expenditure because employment is gained through capital projects. He then raised a point about car washes not paying for the water they consume. 	 Explained that operational budget will always exceed capital budget as it entails of daily expenditure. Further explained that a municipality's core mandate is to ensure that basic services are delivered to the community, not to create employment but to ensure that through projects undertaken residents are employed. Responded by saying that research was done regarding water usage by car washes.
4.	Mam Gina – Ward 6	
	Commended the municipality for development by referring to mall development.	 Noted
	 Raised a complaint regarding community members that have not yet received their RDP houses as promised by the mayor. 	 Responded by saying that housing projects are funded by provincial government and will not commence once funding has been received.
	 She also commented on rural roads that have not been completed. Asked the municipality to continue with the seed programme, she then encouraged the youth and 	 Also added that road construction projects are funded by MIG (Municipal Infrastructure Grant) and construction will also commence once funding has been received.
	pensioners to vote.	 The seed programme will definitely be happening as it was initially promised by the mayor to be one of his projects.

5.	Michael Mhlongo – Ward 5	
	 Put out that he feels like ward 5 is being neglected with the lack of development taking place in the area. He raised a concern about sites with overgrown trees where children travel from and to school, and how they promote criminal activities. 	That has been noted and the Municipality will make sure that it maintained correctly.
	 He brought forward that they need an overhead bridge/overpass that crosses over the railway in Mkhomo. 	 Noted however it will be looked at in the next IDP.
	 He also mentioned that Eskom electrical cables electrocuted some community members and they have not received any help. 	Stated that the municipality will only get involved if the electrical cables belong to the municipality, otherwise the can only act as an agent by reporting the matter to Eskom.
	 Raised another concern that disabled people in the community have been neglected by the municipality. 	The municipality works with Social Development to address issues of people living with disability.
6.	Mam Mazeka – Ward 5	
	 Asked how water consumption will be regulated by the prepaid water metering programme. 	 Explained that prepaid water metering will operate just like prepaid electricity.
7.	Simon Ncube – Ward 5 • Asked if water tanks will be installed in every household.	Responded by saying water tanks will not be installed in every household but will be installed in parts of the community.
8.	Bab Khoza – Ward 6	
	 Raised concern about sports field still not being upgraded and asked municipality to provide local sport teams with equipment. 	Replied by saying that the sport ground will be revamped/ upgraded.
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	Asked for job opportunities to be made available. He also asked municipality to focus on constructing roads in the rural arears.	Responded by saying that the municipality is only responsible for access roads and that DOT (Department of Transport) is responsible for the construction of most roads. Added to say that the municipality cannot take over as it will not be refunded for expenses incurred.
10.	Phiwokuhle Mdletshe – Ward 6	
	 Asked for municipality to provide updates on current budget. 	Agreed to suggestion raised.

11.	Leornard Sibiya – Ward 6	
	 Asked for more quarry to be added when constructing roads as it seems to run in most projects. Complained about water reconnection fee being too high. Asked for municipality to provide more bus shelters 	 Noted, as it is in the budget. Advised for people to make payment arrangements with the municipality even before their water supply is disconnected, as they are given 23 days to do so.
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12.	Raises complain about not having soccer tournaments anymore	Took note of complaint.
13.	April Mkhwanazi –Ward 7	
	 Asked for clarity regarding Brakenham Housing project. 	Said that speaker had already answered the question when she said that applications for housing have not yet commenced.
14.	Bheki Simelane – Ward 7	
	 Asked if they will be an alternative to prepaid water metering programme. He also pleaded for age discrimination to be put aside when considering job applications. 	 Responded by saying that there is an alternative which is the current conventional method.
15.	George Mthembu – Ward 7	
	 Asked for additional streets lights to be installed as some arears still remain dark. 	 Responded by saying that the apollo lights project is currently in progress or underway.
16.	Khulekani Mtshali –Ward 8	
	 Reported that sports field needs lights and water tanks in his area (Ezikhaleni) are empty. 	Will be attended to by relevant department.
17.	Gogo Tembe – Ward 7	
	 Reported that her area has sewerage problem. 	Will be attended to by relevant department in the Municipality immediately after this meeting.

18. Mam Ndawonde – Ward 8

- Reported that the wheels of her bin are broken and asked if she could get a new one, she also asked if her son that recently got an ID could still register to vote.
- Replied by saying that if bin was still on 5 year warranty, the municipality can fix or replace bin but if the 5 years have passed, new bin would have to be purchased.

4. CLOSING: SPEAKER: CLLR S.G MKHIZE



MINUTES FOR CLUSTER: STAKEHOLDERS 2019/20 DRAFT BUDGET PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

11 APRIL 2019

AT 17:00 RICHARDS BAY
COUNCIL CHAMBER CIVIC CENTRE

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE:

See attendance registers

2. PROGRAM:

Programme facilitator: Chief whip Cllr M Lourens

Opening prayer: Miss N Malinga

Welcoming: Dr N.J Sibeko

Budget Presentation uMhlathuze Municipality: CFO Mr M. Kunene

Chief whip Cllr M Lourens requested community that if they had any questions or issues of clarity that they wished to be answered. Mr M. Kunene, CFO responded to these questions

	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	Sandy – Richards Bay Cleaners Association	
	Clarification on drought tariffs	 There is a thinking that we are out of drought; therefore we have taken out the drought tariff on the 2019/20 budget.
	 Capacity of the municipal staff and non-availability of some equipment. 	 The Municipality bought a building last year and is putting equipment this year. There is funding for equipment. We are in the process of reviewing
	The municipality is spending too much on external service providers.	external service providers (Consultants) but one should also know that we cannot have all equipment.

2.	Mike	
2.	Installation of traffic lights on the entire road.	There was a meeting yesterday with DOT to put traffic lights at Melomed road.
3.	Thabani Zulu - Zululand Chamber of Commerce Increase in water Tariff – plead for reconsideration as there was a delay from level 4 tariffs. Publicity of capex projects being self–funded.	We have not gone out to publicise issues of finance. The municipality is at the good state of finances, the only issue is collection of payments in rural areas. In urban areas it's good so far though some companies are closing down.
4.	 Commends rank renovations and the budget for them. Which are the pilot areas for prepaid water? Would like to hear about Mandlanzini sewer project. 	 The municipality is looking at taxi ranks in all areas. The projects are currently in progress. We are going to look at areas like Aquadene. The Mandlanzini sewer project was awarded last year and is funded by MIG. The project has started and depends on the grants provided.
5.	Is the municipality monitoring the movement of people from urban areas to rural areas, because that would justify the non-payment problem in rural areas? There are people who afford to pay in rural areas. What percentage does a municipality spend on rural areas versus urban areas?	 We are well aware of what is happening and have started to address this issue. We have written to COGTA and the provincial government to try to deal with this issue. We even had the National Treasury visiting those areas. We need to be realistic in this matter, over the years the municipality's budget has been mostly on rural areas, until a certain point where we had to recover funds to continue with providing services. The only way we can recover those funds is through charging tariffs mostly to those living in urban areas. For this to happen, we need to spend on the development of such areas and provide services to these

people so that we will be able to collect revenue from them. Therefore this time around we came up with an equilibrium type budget.

There are such programs to assist and

capacitate SMMEs and NPOs. There are Grants in Aid programmes e.g. there is a One Stop Shop at Empangeni.

 How does a municipality assist non-profit organisation to capacitate them? Are there any funds tabled on the budget to assist the NPOs?

4. CLOSING: CHIEF WHIP CIIr M Lourens



MINUTES FOR ESIKHALENI CLUSTER: 2019/20 DRAFT BUDGET PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ON 14 APRIL 2019

AT 13:00 ESIKHALENI TVET COLLEGE

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE:

See attendance registers

2. PROGRAM:

Programme facilitator: Cllr N.R Cele

Opening prayer: K.D Zikhali

Welcoming: Cllr S Ntuli

Budget Presentation City of uMhlathuze Municipality: CFO Mr M. Kunene

Cllr N.R Cele asked whether committee members had any questions or issues of clarity that they wished to be answered. Mr M. Kunene, CFO responded to these questions.

	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	Khulani Cele - FOSKOR	
	Thanked the budget	 Noted
	Clarity on R517 Million on what makes CAPEX.	 Total CAPEX of R517 Million is for the first year over a three year MTREF Basically some projects are spread over that period.
	Our water usage has increased from R40 million to R90 million.	 Should you have any objections can put them in writing and its will be attended to by relevant officials

Appreciated the installation of Apollo lights Noted	
2 Sabelo Mfuleka Ward 30	
fee is too much. that your ac before you i about your c can't pay the	avoid these fee you make sure count is up to date, cause incur all these cost we remind you outstanding amount if you see you e whole amount, come to our make arrangements to pay.
3 Mdu Mgwagwa - Ward 22	
Will the people working at the Esikhaleni Intersection get wage allows people	o increments announced at the WP is a National programme that ble to gain skills and not a employment.
4 Maswenkosi Thabani Xulu	
 There are vacant site and abandoned houses next to circuit office, there are criminal activities taking place. Can the municipality assist? Noted, offici sites. 	ials will be looking in to those
5 Nene - Ward 20	
·	ation will be done before the uilt, but that is an important point
7 Nqobile- Ward 15	
	on't be given RDP houses, how nt maintain the property.
8 Ward 14	
We don't get informed about the public municipality	nittee members must assist the r in passing the massage, Buses ted to pick community member in spots.
9 Fikelephi Xaba - Ward 13	
We need pedestrian crossing bridge Noted and in	n the budget.

10	Khethokuhle - Ward 13	
	 There is low water pressure (Mpembeni) and the skips are not enough. 	 We will look into low water pressure, Skips are in the budget.
11	Ward 10	
	 In our area there are lot of kids living with disability we would love to have remedial schools to cater for those kids. 	 Remedial schools require special need the message will be passed to the Department of Education and other relevant Departments.
12	Ward 11	
	 Requested to build roads and bridges 	Bridges are in the budget.
13	Magwaza - Ward 11	
	There is no post office in the area.	Noted, relevant Department will be notified.

4. CLOSING: Cllr R Khumalo



MINUTES FOR CLUSTER: NGWELEZANE 2019/20 DRAFT BUDGET PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ON 17 APRIL 2019

AT 11:00 AT MACEKANE SPORT FIELD

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE:

See attendance registers

2. PROGRAM:

Programme facilitator: King Cetshwayo Municipality Speaker Cllr KER Hadebe

Opening prayer: Pastor T Mkhize

Welcoming: Cllr KD Sibiya

Budget Presentation uMhlathuze Municipality: CFO Mr M. Kunene

Budget Presentation King Cetshwayo Municipality: Her Worship the Mayor, Cllr NNP Mkhulisi

Speaker Cllr KER Hadebe requested community to raise questions and issues that needed clarity. Her Worship the Mayor, Cllr NNP Mkhulisi and Mr M. Kunene, CFO responded to these questions.

	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	NKOSINATHI NKWANYANA Ward 31	
	 Commended the budget and requested that all that the Municipality has promised the community be executed. 	 Noted
	Requested a bridge at Bingoma.	The bridge is going to be built, hence it's included in this budget.

2.	Mvelase ward 31	
	Complains about their community youth that always apply at UMhlathuze Municipality but never employed. What are the employment requirements?	The posts that come out are usually for only the vacant position, and out of all people who apply the municipality can only appoint as per vacancy according to the required qualifications, we encourage youth to continue to apply and never lose hope.
	Asked that the R2 500 for tournament games be increased by R7500 to R10 000	 We will look into the increment but it will not be increased to R10 000.
3.	Ngcobo Thandolethu - Ward 32 ■ Asked whether this budget continues from the old one that was last presented or it is the new budget, because there were funds that were allocated to Ngwelezane water project for ward 32 and 33 in the previous budget.	These wards fell under uMhlathuze on 2016, on 2016/2017 there was a budget.
	 Asks when is the commence date for water supply project. The storm water pipes were cleaned when Gugu was responsible for the job, since she disappeared, it has stopped. What is the reason for cessation of the job? 	 The feasibility study has been completed and the project will start soon. There is a start and an end for every tender, the tender is being advertised and the processes are near completion.
4.	Prisca Vilakazi - Ward 32 Commends the budget road shows. Requests ground renovations for gymnasium and also light for safety when they finish late.	Noted.That's an IDP issue but it is noted.
5.	MamDletshe Applauded the presentation of water supply projects.	Noted.
6.	Mazuzu ● Requested skips and asked that their delivery be monitored.	 Explained the process of putting skips in certain places. We count houses and put the skips in a place conducive for all. There is a budget for skips.
7.	Thabile Dladla Ward 31	
	Said that they need a new road at Othombothi Okhubo.	Noted, IDP

8. Sobahle Buzetshe Ward 24

- Said that her electricity busted, she reported it and they came to fix it.
 Now she pays more that she used to pay because electricity is consumed faster than before.
- Complained about the sewer pipe that cut across her yard, it sometimes leak and the sewer comes leaks on her yard.
- If it is the municipal electricity, people are going to be sent to look at the issue but if it's Eskom's; we can assist by reporting it.
- The engineers will be sent to look at the sewer pipe and fix the problem.
- 4. CLOSING: Deputy Mayor: King Cetshwayo: Cllr AH Mthembu